VIII. *Extract of a Letter dated at* Montpelier, Dec. 27. 1731. *N. S. from* Andrew Cantwell, *M. D.* Monſpel. *to* T. S. *M. D. and by him tranſlated from the* French, *giving an Account of a* monſtrous Boy.

THERE is actually in this Town, a Lad of thirteen Years of Age, born at *Cremona*, who bears the lower Parts of another Boy, which ſeem to iſſue from his Epigaſtric Region, between the *Cartilago enſiformis* and the Navel. The Fore-part of the one faces that of the other. The Head and Trunk ſeem buried in the Lad's *Abdomen*, down to the Hips, where the Connection is plainly to be ſeen. This Portion of the prominent Body has a well-form'd *Anus* and *Penis*. The *Scrotum* has a fine Down on it, but is void of Teſticles, and ſeems to be filled with the Inteſtines. Nothing paſſes through theſe two Outlets. I have perfectly well diſtinguiſhed the two *Oſſa Ilium* in their natural State, but could not feel the *Os Sacrum*. The Articulation of the *Femur* is ſomewhat diſcernible on each Side: and I have perceived the Pulſation of the anterior crural Arteries. The Lad is very ſenſible when theſe additional Feet, Legs, or Buttocks, are pinched, or over-much preſſed. He has lately had the Small-pox, and theſe have ſuffered by it equally with him. At his Navel I found a conſiderable Rupture, which is covered by this Portion of a Body. This Rupture grows monſtrouſly big in wet Weather, and diminiſhes again in

dry. It has a circular Hole in it, which runs through the *Peritonæum*. The Lad is of a thin Habit of Body, but otherwiſe enjoys good Health. His Father, *Michael Martinetti*, a Tinker, told me, that this is the ſeventh Child his Wife *Nunciada* bore him. She was thirty Years of Age at his Birth, and bore him two more ſince. All the reſt were of the natural Shape.

IX. *Three extraordinary Caſes in* Surgery, *by* Bezaleel Sherman, *Surgeon, at* Kelvedon *in* Eſſex, *communicated in* November 1738.

SAMUEL Buſh, of the Pariſh of *Wickham-Biſhops*, in *September* 1704. being on the Top of a very high Timber Tree, in order to ſhake down the Acorns, he let go his Hold; and by falling from one Bough of the Tree upon another, he broke his Thigh-bone; and one End of it, by the Force of the Fall, ſtuck faſt in the Ground, which fractured the Bone in another Place, about two Inches and an half above the former. This intire Piece of the *Os Femoris* was taken out; notwithſtanding which, ſo large a *Callus* united the two Ends of the Bone, that his Thigh (when cured) was very little more than a quarter of an Inch ſhorter than the other Thigh. The Surgeon who had the Care of him, uſed his greateſt Endeavours, during the Cure, to preſerve the Extenſion; but he imputed the Largeneſs of the *Callus* to a very great Quantity of *Lap. Oſteocolla*, which he made him take for ſix Weeks or two Months, in Powder with Milk, in